

REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed and considered the Office Action dated October 15, 2004. Applicants thank the Examiner for a timely review of the pending application and the Examiner's comments.

Claims 1 through 25 are pending in the present application.

Claim 25 is rejected.

Claim 25 has been canceled.

Therefore, pending claims 1-24 are in condition for allowance as noted in the Office Action dated October 15, 2004. A Notice of Allowance, is therefore respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 101 Rejection

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,716,451.

Claim 25 has been canceled, thereby obviating the basis for this rejection.

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are respectfully requested.

If a telephone would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues, please contact the undersigned at 612-340-8819.

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